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In the absence of Mr. Shava (Zimbabwe), Ms. Chatardová (Czechia), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 11.05 a.m.

Tribute to the memory of Maboneza Sana, First Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Rwanda to the United Nations

1. *At the invitation of the President, the members of the Council observed a minute of silence.*

Agenda item 4: Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (*continued*)

International Narcotics Control Board (E/2017/9/Add.1)

2. **The President** invited the Council to elect one member to the International Narcotics Control Board from among the candidates nominated by Governments for a term beginning on the date of election and ending on 1 March 2017, to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Mr. Mohar Betancourt (Mexico).

3. *Mr. del Campo Sánchez (Mexico) was elected a member of the International Narcotics Control Board for the remainder of the term of office expiring on 1 March 2017 by acclamation.*

4. **The President** invited the Council to elect one member to the International Narcotics Control Board from among the candidates nominated by Governments for a five-year term beginning on 2 March 2017, to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Mr. Mohar Betancourt (Mexico). As the number of candidates exceeded the number of vacancies, she invited the Council to elect the member by secret ballot.

5. *At the invitation of the President, Ms. Ntaba (Zimbabwe) and Ms. Rits (Estonia) acted as tellers.*

6. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	52
Number of valid ballots:	52
Number of members voting:	52
Required majority:	27
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. del Campo Sánchez (Mexico)	28
Mr. Goetz (Germany)	21
Mr. Gorni (Israel)	3

7. *Having received the highest number of votes, Mr. del Campo Sánchez (Mexico) was elected a member of the International Narcotics Control Board for a five-year term beginning on 2 March 2017.*

Committee of Experts on Public Administration (E/2017/9/Add.2)

8. **The President** invited the Council to consider the appointment of one member to the Committee of Experts on Public Administration to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Mr. Dai Xiaochu (China). In his note on the appointment of one member to the Committee of Experts on Public Administration, the Secretary-General had nominated Mr. Ma Hezu (China) for consideration by the Council to fill the unexpired portion of the term of office of Mr. Dai Xiaochu.

9. *The Council approved the nomination by the Secretary-General of Mr. Ma Hezu (China) for the remainder of the term of office expiring on 31 December 2017.*

Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) (E/2016/9/Add.9)

10. **The President** invited the Council to elect six members to the Executive Board of UN-Women for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2017. In accordance with paragraph 61 (a) of General Assembly resolution 64/289, the Council was to elect four members of the Executive Board from among the 10 largest providers of voluntary core contributions to UN-Women. The Permanent Mission of Switzerland had informed the secretariat that Norway, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America had been endorsed.

11. Since the number of candidates was equal to the number of vacancies, she took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

12. *Norway, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America were elected to the Executive Board of UN-Women by acclamation.*

13. **The President** said that, in accordance with paragraph 61 (b) of General Assembly resolution 64/289, the Council was to elect two developing countries to the Executive Board from among the 10 largest providers of voluntary core contributions to UN-Women among countries not members of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

14. **Mr. Bessedik** (Algeria), speaking on behalf of the Group of Arab States, said that the permanent missions had received a letter on 7 December 2016 stating that unless the President of the Council

received a written objection by 3 p.m. that same day, he would inform the Secretariat that Israel had been selected for one of the two seats on the Executive Board of UN-Women reserved for countries not members of the Development Assistance Committee. As the letter had been sent by post rather than through the usual channels, the Permanent Mission of Algeria had not been able to respond by the deadline. He asked the secretariat to clarify the contents of the letter.

15. **Ms. Herity** (Secretary of the Council) said that in July 2016, a Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council had written to the permanent missions calling for nominations for two positions on the Executive Board of UN-Women from among the 10 largest donor countries not members of the Development Assistance Committee. No nominations had been received until October 2016, when Israel had submitted its candidature. That information had not been circulated immediately as the Secretariat had been waiting for another nomination for the second position. In November 2016 an announcement had been placed in the Journal of the United Nations announcing an indicative deadline of 2 December 2016 for responding to the nomination of Israel. Following the expiration of that deadline, on 5 December 2016 a letter had been sent to the permanent missions informing them that Israel had been nominated and, in accordance with established practice, asking whether they wished to endorse the nomination.

16. **Mr. Bessedik** (Algeria) said that the Journal was not an official means of communication or the appropriate way to inform the permanent missions of a deadline. Moreover, given the urgency of the matter and the short deadline, the letter should have been sent by e-mail or fax, not by post. The Permanent Mission of Algeria had only received it in the afternoon of 7 December 2016, making it impossible to respond by the deadline of 3 p.m.

17. **Ms. Herity** (Secretary of the Council) said that the letter had been sent by the Correspondence Unit to the generic e-mail addresses of the permanent missions on 5 December 2016. It had been resent on 7 December 2016 because the attachment listing the relevant donor countries had been revised.

18. **The President** said that upon receipt of the letter dated 5 December 2016, two States had informed the secretariat through two separate notes verbales dated 6 and 7 December 2016 that they did not endorse the candidature of Israel. As a result, Israel had been listed as a non-endorsed candidate.

19. In a letter dated 6 December 2016, the Permanent Mission of Lebanon had submitted the candidatures of India and Turkey for the two seats. In a letter dated 7 December 2016, Chile had also submitted its candidature. As of 8 December 2016, there were two candidates for the two positions: Chile and Israel.

20. **Mr. Bessedik** (Algeria) requested that, although the number of candidates was equal to the number of vacancies, a vote by secret ballot should be taken.

21. **The President** invited the Council to elect by secret ballot two members to the Executive Board from among the 10 largest providers of voluntary core contributions to UN-Women among countries not members of the Development Assistance Committee.

22. **Ms. Herity** (Secretary of the Council) said that the eligible countries were Barbados, Chile, India, Indonesia, Israel, Senegal and Turkey. The countries that had submitted their candidatures were Chile and Israel.

23. *At the invitation of the President, Ms. Ntaba (Zimbabwe) and Ms. Rits (Estonia) acted as tellers.*

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	52
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	52
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	52
Required majority:	27
Number of votes obtained:	
Chile	52
Israel	40
Senegal	2
Turkey	2

24. *Having obtained the required majority, Chile and Israel were elected to the Executive Board of UN-Women.*

Commission on Population and Development
(E/2016/9)

25. **The President** invited the Council to consider two outstanding vacancies in the Commission on Population and Development. The Eastern European States had endorsed Romania and the Western European and other States had endorsed France, both for a term beginning at the first meeting of the fifty-first session of the Commission in 2017 and expiring at the close of the fifty-fourth session in 2021. She took it that the Council wished to elect France and Romania by acclamation.

26. *France and Romania were elected members of the Commission on Population and Development by acclamation.*

27. **The President** said that she took it that the Council wished to further postpone the election of two members from the Asia-Pacific States and two members from the Western European and other States, for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the fifty-first session of the Commission in 2017 and expiring at the close of the fifty-fourth session in 2021, as well as one member from the Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the fifty-third session in 2020.

28. *It was so decided.*

Commission on Science and Technology for Development (E/2016/9)

29. **The President** invited the Council to consider an outstanding vacancy in the Commission on Science and Technology for Development. The Latin American and Caribbean States had endorsed Chile to fill the outstanding vacancy for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2017. She took it that the Council wished to elect Chile by acclamation.

30. *Chile was elected a member of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development by acclamation.*

31. **The President** said that she took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of one member from the African States, one member from the Latin American and Caribbean States and one member from the Western European and other States, for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2017.

32. *It was so decided.*

Executive Board of the World Food Programme (E/2016/9/Add.10)

33. **The President** invited the Council to consider two outstanding vacancies on the Executive Board of the World Food Programme. Egypt had presented its candidature to fill the outstanding vacancy from List A for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2017. The Western European and other States had endorsed Spain to fill the remaining vacancy from List D, also for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2017.

34. She took it that the Council wished to elect Egypt and Spain to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme by acclamation.

35. *Egypt and Spain were elected members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme by acclamation.*

Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (E/2016/9/Add.14)

36. **The President** invited the Council to take action on one outstanding vacancy on the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS to be filled from Western European and other States. Germany had been endorsed by the Western European and other States to fill the outstanding vacancy for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2017.

37. She took it that the Council wished to elect Germany to the Programme Coordinating Board by acclamation.

38. *Germany was elected a member of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS by acclamation.*

39. **The President** said that Canada had resigned from the Programme Coordinating Board effective 31 December 2016. Australia had been endorsed by the Western European and other States to complete the term of office expiring on 31 December 2017. She took it that the Council wished to elect Australia to the Programme Coordinating Board by acclamation.

40. *Australia was elected a member of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS by acclamation.*

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (E/2016/9/Add.15)

41. **The President** invited the Council to take action on six outstanding vacancies on the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to be filled by candidates from the African States, the Asia-Pacific States, the Eastern European States, the Latin American and Caribbean States and the Western European and other States.

42. Mauritius had been endorsed by the African States, the Republic of Korea and Sri Lanka had been endorsed by the Asia-Pacific States, Croatia and Czechia had been endorsed by the Eastern European States, Colombia had been endorsed by the Latin American and Caribbean States, and Norway had been endorsed by the Western European and other States for a four year-term beginning on 1 January 2017.

43. She took it that the Council wished to elect Colombia, Croatia, Czechia, Mauritius, Norway, the Republic of Korea and Sri Lanka to the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme by acclamation.

44. *Colombia, Croatia, Czechia, Mauritius, Norway, the Republic of Korea and Sri Lanka were elected members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme by acclamation.*

45. **The President** said that she took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of one member from the Asia-Pacific States, one member from the Latin American and Caribbean States and three from the Western European and other States, for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2017, as well as two members from the Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2016, two members from the Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2018, and one member from the Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2019.

46. *It was so decided.*

Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

47. **The President** invited the Council to take action on five outstanding vacancies on the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission, in accordance with Council resolution 2015/1 of 4 March 2015. The five members would serve for a two-year term, beginning on 1 January 2017.

48. South Africa had been endorsed by the African States, the Republic of Korea had been endorsed by the Asia-Pacific States, Estonia had been endorsed by the Eastern European States, and Argentina had been endorsed by the Latin American and Caribbean States. In addition, Nigeria had been endorsed by the African States to fill one of the two seats allocated to States members of the Council, in accordance with resolution 2015/1. Since the number of candidates was equal to the number of vacancies, she took it that the Council wished to elect those countries by acclamation.

49. *Argentina, Estonia, Nigeria, the Republic of Korea and South Africa were elected members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission by acclamation.*

50. **The President** said that she took it that the Council agreed to postpone the election of one State member of the Economic and Social Council for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 2017.

51. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 12.40 p.m.